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Ont. Committee on Taxation,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that at the present time a house is taxed on its construction and finishing material both inside and outside. This type of taxation has tendency to try to build their houses so as to have as low taxes as possible. There is one type of house which is built on a slab with a single thickness of slag blocks with the cores filled and which has a much lower assessment rate than a conventional built house.

My contention is that a house that is fit to live in should have the same taxation taking into consideration its location size etc. but a person should not be penalized for fixing up his house to have a higher resale value. The condition of the houses over the whole province is much lower as the years go by and as the years go by they will be nothing but shacks and this will continue until a person is not penalized for keeping his home in good shape.

I built a house of brick veneer with plastered interior with basement while another house was built in this area much larger while their taxes are much lower than mine.

This is encouraging people to build inferior houses.

Yours very truly,

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